U.S. Officials Oppose Extreme Steps By U.N. Against S. Africa, Rhodesia

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U. S. officials have warned against any extreme moves against South Africa or Rhodesia in the forthcoming U. N. General Assembly session.

The officials, barring attribution to them by name, predicted to newsmen Friday that much of the U. N. session would focus on the South African and Rhodesian issues.

But the officials expressed concern over the possibility that angered African delegates would indulge in Assembly moves that would sound far-reaching, but in effect would be meaningless or unenforceable.

Black African governments have been incensed by the recent World Court decision against a bid to stop South Africa from applying its segregationist policy in its mandated territory of South-West Africa. They also have complained about Britain's failure to end the rule of whites in Rhodesia.

What specific remedies the United States would support were not spelled out. But a proposal to dispatch a U.N. peace force against South Africa—a suggested example of an extreme measure — would not get U.S. endorsement, it was stated.

The officials said it is important that the Afro-Asian-dominated U. N. body take effective actions, not merely hortatory or extreme measures that could not be put into effect.